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To Whom it may concern,

RE: Letter of Support for Cape Making Project – The House That Dan Built

Creative Arts Alliance Ltd (CAA) are a regionally focused arts advocacy and artist support organisation based on the Sunshine Coast. We work closely with the 6 local governments in our region and other partners to produce and support a range of innovative and strategic projects that develop, network, showcase and advocate for our regional communities and leading creative practitioners within. Key to our work is the support and development of artists engaged in regional practice and developing networks in regional communities in Australia.

Cape Making Project by The House That Dan Built (aka The House) comes out of a wider project called Tender Young Creatures (TYC) that was to be presented at the Imagineers Festival on the Sunshine Coast in late 2020. The TYC project is a live installation centred around the theme of young women walking at night. Inspired by the classic tale of Red Riding Hood, the performance is a contemporary look at the wolf which lives inside us.

An integral element of this work is the 100 red capes the young female performers wear. The making of these capes offer the potential for a great cross-generational community engagement activity. CAA supports the Cape Making Project project which will link generations of females, connecting them in story and a common goal. In response to the current COVID restrictions the project will now engage with women remotely, through radio and posted craft care packages. Participants in our region - grandmas, mums and aunts - will be able to engage in a large-scale pen pal project. Once the restrictions have lifted the participants will reconnect with the young performers by attending a performance of the work for elders in our regional community.

The project will develop new audiences and offer community connections between young and older woman, who are our most vulnerable at this time of isolation. The hope of a future celebratory performance event is also of great value to our regional communities.

The Cape Making Project strongly aligns with CAA's objectives for our regional networks and we are excited about the potential to collaborate with The House. We look forward to the success of the Cape Making Project and the sense of optimism it will bring to our region.

Yours sincerely,



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